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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Applicant's duty of disclosure toward the Patent Office, the Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references noted on the attached Form PTO-1449. The references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed July 20, 2001. Enclosed for the Examiner's information are copies of the references and the International Search Report.

Applicant notes references US 5,669,715 (Dobreski et al.) and US 5,713,669 (Thomas et al.) were also listed in the search report was previously cited by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed February 8, 2001.

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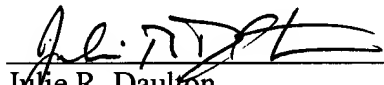
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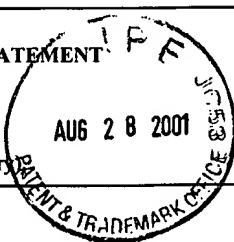
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	5,301,395	04/12/1994	Richardson et al.			
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						YES	NO
	EP 0 941 937 A1	09/15/1999	EP				
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